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REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002  
(Paper No. 7), kindly amend this application as follows.

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure appearing on  
page 35 of the application with the new abstract of the  
disclosure attached to this Reply.

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Please cancel claims 3 and 10.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-21 as follows. A  
marked-up version of the amended claims showing the changes  
made is included at the end of this Reply.

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1. (Amended) A rolling method for rolling a strip of  
material with a constant width in a strip rolling mill, the strip  
rolling mill including a pair of upper and lower work rolls for  
rolling the strip of material, intermediate rolls for supporting